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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled:

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD, CENTER PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM USED THEREWITH, AND INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM USED THEREWITH

The following are enclosed:

- ☒ Specification ( 58 pages)  
☒ 26 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
☒ 24 Claim(s) (including 14 independent claim(s))  
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- ☒ Certified copy of each of the following application(s) to substantiate the claim(s) for priority made in the Declaration:

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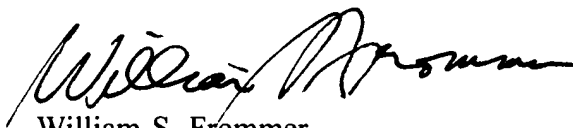
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